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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a vacuum brake booster for motor vehicles, including a booster housing whose interior is subdivided by a movable wall into a vacuum chamber and a working chamber, a control valve that controls the pressure difference acting on the movable wall and is arranged in a control housing that carries the movable wall, said the control valve being composed of two concentrically arranged sealing seats and an elastically deformable valve member, and including at least one filter in the air passage.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 1, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This object is achieved by the present invention in that the control housing includes an adapter, which carries at least one filter. Said <u>The</u> adapter allows arranging different filter constructions and filter shapes on the control housing, without the need to modify its construction.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 2, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Preferably, the adapter has a cylindrical wall that extends partly over the end face of the control housing, said the wall including radial openings which permit radial air aspiration and an improved response time of the vacuum brake booster.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 2, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a favorable improvement, the adapter includes at least one resilient leg, said the leg being in resilient abutment on an inside surface of the control housing, whereby the adapter is retained in the control housing. Hence, no structural modification of the control housing is necessary to fasten the adapter in the control housing.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 3, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For closing an axial opening of the control housing close to the pedal assembly, the adapter includes a cap attached to the collar. The Said cap reduces the propagation of noises into the

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passenger compartment of the motor vehicle which are produced by operation of the vacuum brake booster.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 3, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Preferably, the adapter carries an annular filter, said the filter being arranged on the radial openings. Also, said the filter renders it possible to reduce noises when air is aspirated.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 3, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An only rRepresented booster housing 1 of the vacuum brake booster shown in Figure 1 is subdivided by an axially movable wall 2 into a working chamber 4 and a vacuum chamber 3. Said The axially movable wall 2 is composed of a diaphragm plate 27, deepdrawn from sheet metal, and an abutting flexible diaphragm 28, which (not shown in detail) forms a rolling diaphragm as a seal between the outside periphery of the diaphragm plate 27 and the booster housing 1.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 4, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A control valve 6 operable by an actuating rod 29 is accommodated in a control housing 5 that is sealed in the booster housing 1 and carries the movable wall 2. The Said control valve 6 is composed of a first sealing seat 7 designed on the control housing 5, a second sealing seat 8 designed on a valve piston 30 connected to actuating rod 29, and a valve member 9 that cooperates with both sealing seats 7,8, is movably arranged in a guide 23 and urged against the valve seats 7, 8 by means of a valve spring 31 supported on guide 23. The working chamber 4 is connectable to vacuum chamber 3 by way of a channel 32 extending laterally in control housing 5.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 5, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To minimize aspiration noises, control housing 5 includes a sheet-metal adapter 11 with several resilient legs 21, the said legs 21 being in resilient abutment on an inside surface 22 of control housing 5 for attachment of the adapter 11. Adapter 11 that includes a cylindrical wall 18 has a collar 14 used for abutment of the adapter 11 on an end face 17 of control housing 5, on the

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one hand, and for attachment of a pleated bellows 15, on the other hand. The cylindrical wall 18 of adapter 11 extends partly over the end face 17 and has radial openings 19.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 6, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 3 shows a third embodiment of a vacuum brake booster. Adapter 11 is designed as a sheet-metal part and comprises legs 21 in resilient abutment with the inside surface 22 of control housing 5. To close an axial opening 24 close to the pedal assembly, the adapter 11 has a collar 25 used to attach a cap 16. This reduces the propagation of noises into the passenger compartment of the motor vehicle, such as the noises being produced by operation of the vacuum brake booster. Outside the control housing 5, adapter 11 carries an annular filter 26 that is used to minimize the aspiration noise.

Beginning at page 7, line 1, please delete the paragraph in its entirety.